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Title: NETWORK FAILURE RECOVERY MECHANISM

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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SUMMARY OF CLAIM STATUS

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 23, 25, 26, 35, 38, 59, 61, 62, 71, 73 and 74 are deemed allowable. Applicant notes that claims 137 – 154, 161 – 165, 167, 168, 175 – 179, 181 and 182 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being non-obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,775,230 (the '230 Reference) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,990,063 (the '063 Reference).

In response to the Office Action, Applicant has not amended any of the claims, but presents the following remarks.